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TWO MEN CHARGED WITH ENDANGERING HUMAN LIFE IN CONNECTION WITH MARIJUANA GROW HOUSE

PHILADELPHIA - United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against Saji Ravindran and David Fallis on charges of endangering human life while manufacturing a controlled substance (marijuana). The indictment charges the defendants with running a marijuana grow house at the Dockside Luxury Apartments on South Columbus Boulevard in Philadelphia between August and December of 2006.

“The charge of endangering human life is being brought in this case because of the potential dangers involved,” said Meehan. “In addition to being illegal, this was a hazardous situation exacerbated by the proximity of other residents to the grow house.”

Ravindran is faces additional counts for allegedly running a grow house in a rowhouse on South Dover Street in Philadelphia and in a home on Windermere Avenue in Lansdowne, Delaware County. 100 or more marijuana plants were seized from the South Dover Street address and 50 or more marijuana plants were seized from the Lansdowne address.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
David Fallis	No known address	28
Saji Ravindran	In custody	30

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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If convicted of all charges, Ravindran faces a minimum mandatory sentence of 5 years in prison and a maximum of 100 years. Fallis faces up to 20 years in prison.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Ronald Cole.

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